

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Tom Berry, on February 23, 2015 at 11:00 A.M., in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Tom Berry, Chair (R)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Christy Clark (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)
Rep. Mike Lang (R)
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Tom Richmond (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Karen Armstrong, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 462, 2/21/2015

00:00:01 Chairman Berry

HEARING ON HB 462

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:44 Rep. Art Wittich (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 462, Allow free association by public employees.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:04:25 Al Ekblad, American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations, Montana (AFL-CIO)

00:04:29 Rep. Steenberg arrived.

00:04:39 Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:08:23 Quint Nyman, Executive Director, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA)

00:08:47 Rich Aarstad, Secretary, MEA-MFT

00:11:49 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy

00:16:37 Darrell Johnson, Greater Yellowstone Central Labor Council, United Steelworkers

00:18:21 Kim Rickard, Business Manager, Laborers' Union, Local 1686

00:19:24 J. D. Lynch, Teamsters Union, Local #2; Montana State Building and Construction Trades

00:21:54 Renne't Sarbu, Self

00:22:59 Rita Wells, MEA-MFT

00:23:14 Jacquie Helt, Service Employees International Union #775

00:23:24 Rion Miles, International Union of Operating Engineers

00:23:39 Robert Hollister, Self

00:23:54 Diane Anderson, Merged Missoula Classified Employees Organization (MMCEO) MEA-MFT

00:24:08 Mary Alice McMurray, Union carpenter, Self

00:24:16 Timm Twardoski, Executive Director, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

00:24:52 Vickie Dickinson, Self

00:25:09 Kyla Gardiner, Self

00:25:29 Rowena Harrington, Self

00:25:46 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell, HD 84, Self

00:26:21 Olaf Stimac, Self

00:26:34 Don Herzog, Self

00:26:39 Carl Garcia, Self

00:26:56 Sheri Postma, MMCEO, MEA-MFT

00:27:17 Debbie Bruce, Self

00:27:28 Lynn Witts, President, Polson Classified Employees Association

00:27:44 Kelly Grisak, Polson Classified Employees Association

00:28:03 D. B. Kenner, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen

00:28:15 Kevin Buck, Local 4993, Department of Revenue employees

00:28:28 Jess LaBuff, Boilermakers Union, Local Lodge #11

00:28:52 Derek Harvey, Professional Firefighters

Informational Testimony:

00:29:28 Mike Manion, Chief Legal Counsel and Deputy Director, Department of
Administration, Governor's Chief Labor Negotiator

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:00 Rep. Wittich

00:33:39 Chairman Berry

00:33:55 Rep. Lynch

00:34:00 Chairman Berry

ADJOURNMENT

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Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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